

**IWANE Board Meeting Minutes**  
**Conference Call ~ March 15, 2020**

**Call to Order:**

The IWANE president called the board meeting to order at 7:30pm. The following board members were present: Andrea Dormady (AD), Colleen Brown (CB), Joni Light (JL), Janel Milner (JM), John Fitzgerald (JF), Eileen Flanagan (EF), Pat Campbell (PC).

**Agenda:**

A conference call was scheduled in conjunction with the general meeting as per IWANE By-laws, Article II, Section 3. JL was recording the minutes. IWANE will be referred to as "The Club" henceforth. Topics of discussion were specifically regarding Board reports, April membership meeting, trophies, Sportsman of the Year, new memberships, Fun Match update, approval of meeting minutes.

**Board Reports:**

JM reviewed annual memberships and said a second mailing was going out to those that have not yet paid dues. JL said she would pull another report from PayPal and provide to JM for proper accounting. The plan is to integrate PayPal to QuickBooks.

JM then reviewed the 2020 budget. While the board had previously approved to withdraw \$10,000.00 from the Janney Fund for this fiscal year, she suggests holding off until the next member meeting, if we are able to meet. She has hesitations due to market instabilities. On a positive note, JM informed the board that rescue donations are up 200% over last year. It is suggested that members do not donate to the rescue fund as this fund should not be more than 1/3 of the total budget. It has surpassed that amount. It is preferred the resources be deposited in the general fund. Expenses are on target and she has made conservative apportionments accordingly.

Discussion was yielded to the meeting schedules and it was agreed that the April meeting should be postponed due to the COVID-19 pandemic. AD said she is just one member at high risk and fears many other members could also be in this category and unable to make the meeting. JM suggested using Zoom for business meetings given that we are currently in a state of emergency. It was agreed the meeting should move to the supported entry at the St. Hubert's show in Brooklyn, CT on May 9. PC said a tent could be set up off the parking area to accommodate the members and hounds.

PC moved the motion to hold the annual meeting, formerly scheduled for April 25, 2020, to the May 9 St. Hubert's show immediately following judging; JL seconds. Motion accepted 7-0-0.

JF asked if there was further discussion or action by the club on the purchase of a sound system that was previously approved to purchase. JM said nothing had been done. There was discussion on type of system, size, etc. EF said a smaller unit would be easier to manage and could be used at the Fun Match.

CB asked if Janney was still going to be invited to the meeting at St. Hubert's. JM was not sure, and AD added that it may not be conducive to have this discussion in an outdoor setting. AD continued to explain that the agenda at the fall meeting was to include Rosemary's holistic vet, and there may not be much time to include a presentation on the trust.

**New Business:**

AD moved the discussion to the Trophies and the need to get sponsors. CB said she would like to sponsor a trophy. AD suggested that she reach out to Pat Scelso to be added to the list, and she hopes to get a list of what is open to relay that to the membership.

AD opened discussion on Sportsman of the Year and that we need details of all the past recipients. This information is not complete in the official records. JL said she would try to find the information from the archives of the defunct website. Nominations for the Sportsman of the Year will be solicited for the next meeting and is usually presented at the annual Fun Match.

Moving onto the topic of new memberships, there were ten new memberships sponsored by AD, JL and Pat Scelso. After review of each applicant, EF moved the motion to accept associate memberships for: James Forzono of CT, Susan Forzono of CT, Susan Prokopenko of Ontario, Cheryl Hughes of MA, Bill Wimsatt of ME, Thom Cusack of MA, Leslie Blanding of NH, Lauren Kolitch of VT, Kristol Ballard of CT, and Ross Moxon of CT. CB seconds. Motion accepted 7-0-0.

Discussion was yielded to breeder referral and the need to define guidelines. JM suggested the drafting of a clear breeder codes and overall standards of conduct. Once accepted they should be uploaded to the website, shared with members and even provided annual and to new members. JM further suggested to review the breeder list annually, and that the board should be able to vote to remove breeders who do not meet the standard or follow the proper code of ethics. AD said she would create an application to be added to the breeder referral list, and to work with JL on ethics and standards, etc.

JM moved the motion that the board be authorized to vote breeders to be added to the breeder referral list and to remove breeders from said list as process, PC seconds. Motion accepted 7-0-0.

JM moved the motion that the board create a breeder application form for those requesting to be added to said list, PC seconds. Motion accepted 7-0-0.

AD moved on to the Fun Match and JL reviewed the planned agenda and events for the day. The committee consists of Sue Gilson, Pat Scelso and Justine Corchado.

EF opened discussion on the approved judges for the Specialty, and what may happen as travel restrictions are made due to the pandemic. Her suggestion for this year's judge, Rebecca Peak, is to ask her to hold off making any travel arrangements as we wait and see how this plays out. The judge, who is from England, has raised concerns but is not cancelling her assignment at this moment. It is unknown how long these restrictions will remain in place depending on how widespread this becomes.

**Meeting Minutes:**

CB moved the motion to accept the meeting minutes of October 14, 2019 and January 29, 2020 as written, PC seconds. Motion accepted 7-5-0-0.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:27pm.

Submitted and approved: April 6, 2020.

*Joni Light*  
IWANE Secretary